

Tonic Effect of Laughter.
We are not disposed to say much about the physiology of laughter, but we are prepared to affirm that there is nothing within the capabilities of human experience which makes a good, hearty laugh, something democratic about that makes it impossible to distinguish whether it is a prince or a peasant who is moved to merriment. The greater tragedy could be perpetuated than to wrest the power of song from the birds, but that would be a calamity compared with the silencing of laughter from life. If the conditions of this world could be such as to afford every human being the frequent enjoyment of a pure, hearty laugh, there would be no need of the other favors he conferred. This alone would be ample testimony that happiness was paramount in the lives of men.—Baltimore Herald.

"Shoddy."
It is old wool redressed by scientific and clean methods. It is a component of most of the woolen garments of the day. The world does not grow enough wool to enable us to have a constant supply of new woolen garments except with the aid of shoddy. It is shoddy that has enabled the workingman to buy a new suit of clothes at the price of a week's wage. In the olden days, an old all wool garment was so expensive that it had to last its owner many years unless he were a wealthy man. It is better hygiene for a man to buy two new shoddy suits a year than to buy an all wool garment which must last him two years. Most of the clothes we wear, in fact, contain an element of shoddy, and so far from being the worse for it, are the better.—Magazine of Commerce.

Tearing Cards.
To tear a pack of cards in two is regarded by some as a marvelous feat of strength, and yet the trick is possible to any one with fairly strong fingers. The secret of the trick lies in the fact that the entire pack is not torn at once, but in pretending to get a grip on the pack the strong man so manipulates the cards that they overlap. In this way but a single card is torn at a time, and once the surface is torn the rest is easy. To any one who can hold a pack of cards firmly the trick is fairly easy, and while in olden times a single pack of cards was considered to be the limit of strength many of our strong men tear three and four packs at a time. The cards are restored to their original form before being given out for examination, and so the trick escapes detection.

A Wonderful Banyan Tree.

The finest botanical gardens in the world are justly claimed by Calcutta, that city of "palaces and pigsties" and statues. The stranger visiting the gardens for the first time will find his wonder and admiration excited by the appearance of an immense banyan tree. The branches of this tree droop in our weeping willow, and when a branch is sufficiently long its extremity is imbedded in the earth, takes root and in turn sends out more branches, thus insuring the operation has been repeated until the tree now measures 100 feet in circumference at its base.

Stephensport, Ky., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Minnie Canady died Saturday at Union Star of consumption, at the age of about twenty-five years. She is survived by several children. The funeral and interment took place at Union Star Sunday. Rev. E. M. Gibbons, of Stephensport, conducted the services.

Hardin Wilson Dead.

Hardin Wilson died Friday night of cancer of the stomach at his home at Harned. He was about sixty or sixty-five years of age and a veteran of the civil war.

Mr. Wilson formerly resided at Bewleyville conducting a hotel at that place. He left Bewleyville and went to Oregon, locating at Harned on his return.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, a son, Eli Wilson, of West Point, and a daughter, whose home is in Oregon.

The interment was at Cedar Hill cemetery, near Irvington, Sunday morning. Masons from different towns in the county conducted the burial service.

Death of Mrs. R. A. Brashear.

Stephensport, Ky., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The many friends here of Mrs. R. A. Brashear have learned with regret of her death at her home at Gas City, Ind., on November 19, after an illness of several months. Mrs. Brashear formerly resided here, going to Gas City about thirteen years ago. She is survived by her husband, who has two sisters here, Mrs. Bettie Napper and Mrs. Henry Robertson. She was a Miss Hawthorne before marriage. The interment was at Louisville.

D. W. Murray, next Friday, will make his first run as baggage master on the accommodation train on the Henderson Route, succeeding E. E. Cammings, of Cannelton, who will be transferred to a through run.

DAVE SMITH IN RACE AGAIN.

Announces Declaration of Year Ago—Disappointment to Many.

(Wednesday's Louisville Herald.)
D. H. Smith, Congressman from the fourth district, will be a candidate to succeed himself at the end of his present term.
This fact was made known yesterday by one of Mr. Smith's closest friends and political advisers. Mr. Smith was in the city a few days, and it was then that he declared that he would be a candidate for re-election. He said that following his statement to the press about a year ago, when he was elected to the office, he had been brought to bear on him to be urged to reconsider his position. For a time he would not do so, but finally the pressure became so strong that he again decided to re-election.

His announcement that Mr. Smith again be a candidate will be regarded with no little surprise in Democratic political circles, especially in part of the State which comprises his district, as it was thought his decision of a year ago was final. His announcement will also cause disappointment to many aspiring statesmen in the Fourth district, as a dozen or more of them are prospective candidates to succeed Mr. Smith in Congress. In fact, at Frank Danaherty, of Nelson county; Senator James S. Wortham, of Madison county, and Charles Nelde, of Hardin county, had announced intention of contesting for the seat.

Mr. Smith's candidacy will change a few plans, and his friends declare he will not have opposition.

Smith is the dean of the Kentucky delegation in the lower house. He is now serving his fifth term. He was first elected in 1890, succeeded by John W. Lewis, a Republican, and served continuously ever since.

Mr. Smith has won distinction as a member of Congress, and is a recognized leader of the minority, being chief of John Sharp Williams' chief opponents. He is the ranking Democratic member of the Committee on Judiciary and is an authority on constitutional law.

1902 Mr. Smith was a candidate for the Senate, but was defeated for the place by Senator James B. McCreary. He is extremely popular with his constituency, and in several counties the district mass-meetings have been held at which resolutions were passed asking him to be a candidate for re-election. This is almost without precedence in Kentucky.

Short Hardinsburg News Notes.
Hardinsburg, Ky., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Marvin Beard holds the record, as long the champion bird hunter this season. He killed thirty-one birds in one day.

Edgar Goodman has sold his farm on the Louisville road to Henry Davis, of Irvington. The consideration was \$2,200.

Whitworth & Compton have completed their elevator near the depot. The capacity is 4,000 bushels. Butler & Black were the contractors.

The Rev. Dan Shacklette filled his first appointment as pastor of the Baptist church Sunday. He made a favorable impression.

Mrs. Thomas Hayes Dead.

Hardinsburg, Ky., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Thomas Hayes died at her home here, last Friday, after a short illness. The interment was at the Owen graveyard, near Glendene. The deceased leaves a husband and several children.

Election Certificates Issued.

Hardinsburg, Ky., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The County Board of Election Commissioners met here Saturday and completed the canvass of the returns of the recent election and issued certificates of election to Thos. Bates as magistrate and R. O. Perkins as constable of the Cloverport magisterial district.

Senator-Elect R. W. Owen Declares For Paynter and Gives His Reason.

LEWISPORT, Ky., Nov. 21, 1905.

To the Democracy of the Tenth Senatorial District:

I desire to make a statement of my position in the race for United States Senator, and on other party matters which will come before the Democratic caucus at the coming session of the General Assembly of Kentucky.

When I was a candidate for the nomination last winter the race for United States Senator was discussed very little. However, by reason of certain support which I received, I was regarded as the administration candidate. I was nominated by a majority of 308 votes. During the recent campaign my Republican opponent charged that I was for Judge Paynter for United States Senator, which I neither denied nor affirmed, but which was generally accepted as true. I was elected by a majority of 784 votes, the largest ever given a Democratic nominee in this district.

To my mind this is not a contest for United States Senator between Blackburn and Paynter, but there is involved the vital issue of whether or not the Democratic administration of Gov. Beckham, which was endorsed by the people of Kentucky after he had been tried four years, by a majority of 27,000 two years ago, which was endorsed overwhelmingly last year at the Louisville convention by a delegation fresh from the people, shall now be repudiated by a Legislature which, thanks to the assistance received from this same administration in close districts like mine, will have the largest Democratic majority in twenty years. I received my political education in Breckenridge county, a county having a large Republican majority, but which goes Democratic whenever it is necessary. Our strength up there was due to our organization and the organization won because they stood together. With my political training, I am not at all alarmed at this talk about Frankfort machines, for being a practical man, while I belong to no machine, I have no fear of one which always beats the Republicans.

I shall, therefore, cast my vote in the Democratic caucus for Judge Thomas H. Paynter for United States Senator, for McCutcheon and Brown for pension commissioners, and on all other party questions will do what I can to uphold the Democratic administration at Frankfort. I am quite sure I will be representing the majority of my constituents, and that my views will be endorsed by the Democratic representatives of Meade, Breckenridge and Hancock counties.

Very respectfully,

R. W. OWEN,
Senator-elect Tenth District.

A Letter From Senator Blackburn.

VERMILION, Ky., Nov. 24, 1905.

Messrs. John D. and V. G. Babbage, Cloverport, Ky.

Gentlemen: I have your issue of Wednesday, the 22nd, and beg to thank you for its kindly expressions.

I do not expect, or want, the vote of any man in the Legislature whose constituents are not for me, but I believe with you that the Democrats of your county and senatorial district are for me. If so I feel sure that I will have the support of Senator Owen and Representative Shellman.

Again thanking you, I am sincerely,

J. C. S. BLACKBURN.

J. O. Nevian Here on Visit;

Has Interesting Old Paper.

J. O. Nevian, of the J. O. Nevian Ice company, on East Tenth street, New Albany, was here Monday while en route to Owensboro, to see his old friends, it being his first visit in fifteen years. In the seventies he was connected with the old mercantile firm of Sulzer Bros., assisting in establishing their store here and leaving in 1879. He expressed surprise at the substantial building growth of the town since the fire on March 13, 1901, which swept the business district.

By request, Mr. Nevian left at the News office a copy of the Cloverport Weekly Journal, of the issue of March 7, 1860, it being the twenty-second number of the third volume of the paper. The old paper was given to Mr. Nevian years ago by the late Capt. White and is highly prized by him. It is a four-page, six-column sheet, more than half of the columns being devoted to local and foreign advertisements.

The Cloverport Weekly Journal was published every Wednesday by S. C. Collins, in what was known as the Temperance Hall building, on the south side of Main street. The Journal was "neutral in politics" and "a family newspaper, devoted to home interest, agriculture, horticulture, select literature, markets, foreign and domestic news."

Excerpts from the issue of the Journal belonging to Mr. Nevian will be published in the News next week.

Men's Bible Class Growing.

Between forty and fifty men attended the meeting of the Baraca Bible class at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. About three times as many men were present as on the previous Sunday, when the class was organized with sixteen members. The features of the meeting Sunday afternoon were the address by Rev. J. R. Johnson, of Cox's Creek, and the enrollment of seventeen new members. In his address, Rev. Johnson, who has been assisting in the meetings at the Baptist church, spoke of the importance of men studying the Bible as a guide of right living. Revs. Currie and Lewis make short talks.

The class will meet every Sunday afternoon, between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30 o'clock. The members of the class to date are as follows: Rev. B. M. Currie, Rev. J. T. Lewis, Rev. T. C. Kerr, J. J. Dyer, H. A. Oelze, V. G. Babbage, Jno. Burn, Prof. J. P. King, R. O. Willis, C. M. Stephens, J. O. Stephens, Dr. J. L. Moorman, F. T. Heyser, L. B. Perkins, C. B. Skillman, Edmund Wroe, W. B. Oelze, J. E. Keith, H. H. Rafferty, C. E. Lightfoot, R. H. McGavock, R. T. Polk, H. R. White, Wm. Hoffins, C. W. Hamman, J. E. Weatherholt, J. T. Daniels, W. H. Bowmer, T. S. Nichols, Jno. Newbauer, C. W. Moorman, Lee Wood, J. H. Ross.

The Henderson Route pay train was here Friday.

CAUCUS RESULTS IN CHANGES.

Council-Elect Chooses New Officers --DeHaven Marshal Again.

Messrs. L. T. Reid, Jno. O'Connell, J. M. Fitch, J. A. Barry, S. H. McCracken and Chas. D. Hook, composing the city council-elect, and Mayor-elect J. G. Harris, held a caucus at the City Hall on Tuesday evening of last week, after the press hour of the News, and agreed on four city officers whom they will appoint after being sworn into office on the first Monday in January. The four remaining appointive officers will be chosen and appointed on that date. The officers appointed last week were: Orfila DeHaven, marshal; C. W. Patterson, clerk; Chas. May, tax collector; Marion Weatherholt, treasurer.

It will be Mr. DeHaven's second term. Mr. Patterson succeeds R. L. Oelze, who held the office of city clerk for six years. Mr. May succeeds Marion Weatherholt and Mr. Weatherholt succeeds J. A. Barry.

The appointive city officials next to be chosen are attorney, assessor, lamp-lighter and police judge pro tem. A member of the council-elect stated last week to a representative of the News that he would suggest to the body at its first meeting that a pound-keeper also be appointed, as he believes that such an officer is very necessary.

The equalization board has been appointed and consists of Messrs. J. J. Dyer, Ed. Whitehead and J. C. Mattingly. It will have its first meeting on December 4.

Messrs. J. M. Fitch, S. H. McCracken, C. S. Lamb, J. H. Brown, J. W. Pate and Henry Yeager, composing the old council, will have their last meeting next Monday. Mayor Reid will preside for the last time, closing his term of four years.

Buy Land in Pandhandle.

B. F. Bewley, of Irvington, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Bewley has just returned from a trip to Texas. He was accompanied by Jess Herndon and Clint Crutcher. While there they purchased land in the Pandhandle district. Mr. Bewley bought 480 acres; Mr. Herndon 320 and Crutcher 160 acres. They bought it for speculation as land in that part of Texas is increasing in value every day and the country is being settled very fast. They think they have a bargain and expect to realize a nice profit out of the deal. —Meade County Messenger.

Dr. Walker's Appointments.

Dr. Walker will be in Custer Dec. 5, 6, 7; Bewleyville, Dec. 19, 20, 21; to do dental work.

Maich--Jolly.

Orest T. Maich, of Frankfort, Ind., and Miss Harriet Jolly were married Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Jolly near Hardinsburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. M. C. Jolly, the bride's brother. Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Maich left for Frankfort, Ind., where they will reside.

Brown's Case Compromised.

The case of John Brown, of Hardinsburg, charged with retailing liquor without a license, has been compromised through the department at Washington, without a trial. The case was to have been called Monday in the United States court at Owensboro. Brown was arrested at Hardinsburg several weeks ago and taken to Owensboro by United States Deputy Marshal C. T. Nichols.

Montgomery--Witt.

Hardinsburg, Ky., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eliza A. Witt announces the coming marriage of her daughter, Allie Russell, to Charles Edward Montgomery at 4 p. m. Thursday, December 14, at the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

Mr. Montgomery is connected with the drug firm of Smith & Bates at Owensboro. His home was formerly at Cloverport.

Rev. B. M. Currie will lecture at Lewisport next Friday night, in the interest of the fight that is being waged there for local option.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Royal Baking Powder

is made of Grape Cream of Tartar.

Absolutely Pure.

Makes the food more Wholesome and Delicious.

Irvington School Honor Roll.

Seventh Grade--Nell Smith, 93.6; Bessie Wrather, 97.5; Beulah Mudd, 96.4; Mary Smith, 97.3; Leona Still, 91.4; Nell Simmons, 99; Herbert Hensel, 90.

Fifth Grade--John W. Jolly, 99.3; Irene Bandy, 97.4; Eunice Simmons, 97.3; Grace Payne, 97.3; Kendrick Jolly, 97.3; Hayden Bramlette, 96; Ken Bandy, 95; Corra D. Frakes, 93; Lamar Gardner, 92.

Fourth Grade--Edith Hensel, 98; Walter Calley, 98; Alfred Herndon, 98; Guedry Bramlette, 98; Junius Stitt, 98; Susie Bandy, 97; Dollie Standfield, 98; Otto King, 98; Arthur King, 98; Leonard Galloway, 97; Alton McCoy, 97; Kate Chitwood, 97; Kenneth Smith, 97; Allene Cowley, 96; Mary Smith, 96; Evelyn King, 96; Katie Musselman, 95; Elmer King, 94.

Maggie Bandy and Lottie Bandy did good work but through absence failed to be on the honor roll, but deserve mention.

Coral R. Whittinghill,
Zula Hensley.

Fordsville Postmaster Removed.

William S. Gaines was appointed postmaster at Fordsville last week by the postoffice department and H. D. Smith, vice, removed. Smith was removed because of negligence of his duties as postmaster.

Sells Sixth Gasoline Boat.

T. F. Sawyer sold, on Saturday, his gasoline boat, the S. & F. Sawyer, to Frank Kelly, proprietor of the Frank Kelly Amusement company, of Cincinnati, for \$600. It was the sixth gasoline boat that Mr. Sawyer has built and sold in recent years, making a profit on every transaction.

Mr. Kelly, accompanied by his wife and Jacob Weatherholt the latter going as engineer and pilot, left on the S. & F. Sawyer Sunday for Cincinnati. Mr. Kelly will return South soon with a troupe of glass blowers, giving entertainments at all towns. Mr. Weatherholt will probably accompany him.

Last week Mr. Sawyer sold one of the barges he built this fall, for \$290, to David Phelps, who will add it to his fleet of mussel shell boats operating on the Ohio river.

Kind Words For The News.

Lodiburg, Ky., Nov. 25, 1905.
Mr. John D. Babbage, Dear Sir:—I send you one dollar to pay my subscription to the Breckenridge News, one of the best county papers in the State.

Yours truly,
J. L. Parks.

Westport, Ind., Nov. 21, 1905.
Mr. J. D. Babbage:—Find enclosed \$1, for which please send me your paper one year. I am very much pleased with the News. It is just as good as a letter to me every week.

Respectfully yours,

Alice Keller.

Red Men After Home.

Hardinsburg, Ky., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The Red Men have purchased the property of the Breckenridge Normal College, on Main street. It is said that they will present it to the Grand Council of the order provided they will establish the Widows' and Orphan's Home at this place.

"The Proof of the Pudding is the eating thereof." The Proof of the value of our Want Column is in the use thereof.